

Puget Sound Partnership

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April 24, 2008

The Honorable Doug Sutherland
Commissioner of Public Lands
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 47001
Olympia, WA 98504-7001

Dear Commissioner Sutherland:

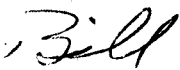
Thank you for your invitation to attend the signing ceremony for the final designation of the Fidalgo Bay Aquatic Reserve and the Fidalgo Bay Aquatic Reserve Management Plan.

The Puget Sound Partnership's Leadership Council will be meeting in Seattle all day April 29, so Steve Sakuma, David Dicks and I will not be able to attend your event. As you know, the Partnership is working diligently to develop our Action Agenda. This roadmap to Puget Sound's restored health must be adopted by December 1, 2008.

Your signing ceremony is a momentous achievement, and dovetails nicely with the work the Partnership is doing – as the management plan will serve as a guide for continuing the protection and restoration of more than 600 acres within the marine aquatic reserve.

Congratulations to the Department of Natural Resources and your partners on your efforts to care for this vital habitat within Fidalgo Bay.

Sincerely,



William D. Ruckelshaus
Leadership Council Chair
Puget Sound Partnership

cc: Steve Sakuma
David Dicks

